

FRS NEWSLETTER

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Dear FRS-Holland Friend!

Welcome in this final 2000 edition. The end of a very bad year. The death of Joop ter Zee overshadowed everything else. FRS-Holland

**Full of good intentions for the year 2001?
Your first one is sending your renewal
straightaway to FRSH, P.O.Box 2727 in 6049
ZG Herten. It is simple and takes less than 5
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another year. Do it...NOW !!!**

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dollar.

was only few times on air. It's not easy to continue without such a creative person Joop was. But FRS-Holland will continue, so does this Newsletter. FRSH will be on air on the 24th or 31st of December with a 3 hour show to ring out 2000. Hopefully we have your company! May I wish all of you a joyful Festive Season with lots of great radio moments. Watch our new Email and new website addresses!!

FRS NEWSCORNER

FRS-Holland (Future) Activities

October 29th 2000 FRS-Holland put out the combined Joop Ter Zee Memorial Broadcast/ 20th Birthday transmission. Although it must be obvious that we emphasized almost fully on Joop ter Zee rather than our 20th birthday.... In the months of September and October tens of hours were spent to prepare this emotional, moving broadcast. No doubt it was the most difficult one we ever carried out. It was so good to see how many listeners/ FRS Friends participated. One more time THANKS to each of you!! Those who listened can only reveal that it was overwhelming. The full px schedule that day was:

UTC	Programme	CET
07.52	Opening: Ids/ Theme Tune	08.52
08.02	Breakfast Birthday Show- <u>Peter Verbruggen</u> 80s music, info about the In Memory of JTZ Show & FRS memories	09.02
08.30	Off Beat- <u>Mark Jones</u> (part 1) Special edition with alternative JTZ rock sounds, memories, extracts from our archives & listener's contributions (incl. taped/ written messages & condolences)	09.30
09.15	Peter Verbruggen- In Memory of Joop ter Zee (1)	10.15
10.00	Off Beat- <u>Mark Jones</u> (part 2)	11.00
10.45	In Memory of Joop ter Zee (2)- <u>Peter Verbruggen</u> The very best (of) JTZ (music) from the 1980-1999 FRS era, & a few special items.	11.45
13.45	Close Down.	14.45

The broadcast on 6280/ 48 metres was presented by Mark Jones who did 90 minutes in German and Peter Verbruggen doing the remaining part (see programme schedule). During the broadcast nothing but Joop ter Zee's favourite music was played and of course all those contributions, sometimes only a few sentences, sometimes nearly a complete DIN A4 page! No doubt many FRS listeners were very shocked and upset by Joop's death witness the taped and written contributions we received via P.O.Box 2727. For the first time we also received a number of audio (MP3) contributions via the Internet. Crisp clear, excellent quality! During the broadcast no Listeners' Competition, we felt that would be out of place. Originally we would be closing down at 13.15 UTC but as it was impossible to read out and play all contributions we not only were forced to extend broadcasting time with another 30 minutes till 13.45 but also to cancel the DX-Show. A promise was made: a 50 min. edition of FRS Goes DX would be aired next week on the 5th of November. Propagation conditions on the 29th were fair to good and most listeners heard us in fine quality: a strong signal and loud modulation. Power was approx. 150W using a horizontal open half wave dipole. Recording this Memorial Broadcast took much preparation. Peter compiled more than 10 blocks with Joop ter Zee extracts being some kind of cross-section of 20 years Joop ter Zee on FRSH. Just in time a set of specially produced jingles arrived direct from the USA. Two extra MD players (apart from the two already used) had to be installed in Peter Verbruggen's studio. Peter will never forget the day he recorded these pxs. Mark Jones did a great job with two excellent German programmes, he will be back on FRSH late December! Sunday Nov. 5th saw a full repeat of the Joop ter Zee Memorial Broadcast. Already on Saturday afternoon Bobby Speed, Peter Verbruggen and Joop's girlfriend Willy went to a location from which the broadcast would take place. Just before darkness set in, we managed to erect the aerial and test a few minutes. We spend the night at the location and already as early as 06.15 UTC the next morning FRSH was on 6280 kHz. Official programming began at 07.02 UTC sharp as we needed almost an extra hour because of the "extra" DX-Show. And so we were almost 7 hours non-stop on air till just before 14.00 UTC. Unfortunately the signal wasn't as good as on the 29th, reason for that were the conditions. Normally it can be taken for granted that propagation is good to very good in November but unfortunately that was not the case on the 5th! Power was 90W. Nevertheless many listeners heard us in satisfactory quality. By doing two trms in 8 days we offered listeners the chance to tune in to FRS-Holland during one of the two occasions. In particular the second weekend was emotional and intense, certainly for Willy. Soon we will handle all mail for the two trms. As we have a special QSL in mind (not advertised during the pxs) which couldn't be produced until December, it's logical listeners have to wait a little longer than usual. So if you have written in, we will handle your letter in December!

**Many listeners requested copies of our 29th
October/ 5th November broadcast. As usual you
can order your copies. Either on cassette, MD or
even CD. Just Email us or write to the Herten
maildrop for detailed information.**

X-Mas 2000

FRS-Holland will take to the air either on X-Mas Eve Sun Dec. 24th or on New Year's Eve Sun Dec. 31st. It depends from a few things and at the moment this info is being typed out we are not yet sure. We strive to be on air on the 24th but if that does not work out, it'll be a week later. Pxs will run between 08.52-12.00 UTC on 48 metres with a power of approx. 150W. In addition it's for sure that FRS will be carrying out a few tests early in the morning (05.00 UTC). This could be on the 24th, 25th or 26th and/or the 31st of December. These tests will be conducted with some 350W, most likely on 48 metres. There are no plans for 2001 yet but it's our intention to have one or two new presenters in our team.

**FRS on the Internet: < frsh@club.tip.nl > or
< peter.verbruggen@tip.nl >. Website:
< http://frsh.club.tip.nl >. Possibly we built a complete
new website in the (near) future.**

SW FREE RADIO SCENE

General

As Autumn has set in and winter is approaching, more and more stations are to be heard on SW on Sunday mornings and afternoons. Conditions are improving although not as good as expected. It appears that the 6300-6400 section is being rather popular these days. For instance Oct. 1st saw a high



number of stations above 6300. Most Sundays new stations are observed but where is the *quality* these days??

RADIO ALPHA LIMA INT. (3) continues with weekly trms around 6280 kHz, sometimes also on 6305. In addition irregular tests are carried out on 15070 kHz. Sun morning Sept. 24th RAL was heard on 15070 asking listeners if they know about the origin of the station on 15065, close to AL's frequency. The answer is that the frequency range between the standard frequency and time signal stations on 15000 kHz and the top end of the 19 metre broadcast band on 15100 kHz is allocated to aeronautical mobile services. In other words: communications between aircrafts and terrestrial stations including military networks. It is divided into 3 kHz wide USB channels starting at 15010 kHz and ending at 15097 kHz. Not too long ago RAL announced tests on 21890 kHz trying to reach the Pacific area and in the afternoon North, Central and South America.

APOLLO RADIO was to be heard on Sun Nov. 26th on 6255 kHz. Signal strength was moderate. The following Email was announced:

< apollo815@hotmail.com >. It seems the station is located in Alkmaar in the North-West of the Netherlands. A commercial type Kenwood transmitter is in use having an output of some 50W connected to a 22 metre longwire. **RADIO ASTORIA's** Email add: < radioastoria@hotmail.com >.

BBMS will be on the air again (relayed by Radio Ozone International) with a look back programme on Sunday 31st December 2000 and on Sunday 7th January 2001, it will be a four hour show featuring the past and present presenters, frequency will be for both days 7.445. Add: see Ozone Radio!

RADIO BENELUX has changed address. The Raalte address is no more in use, instead BNL can be reached via P.O.Box 73 in 7160 AB Neede, The Netherlands. Sun Oct. 29th 7480 Benelux was heard on 7480 with a good signal but audio was not loud and sounder disturbed. Dec. 3rd BNL was again on 7480, this time with a much clearer modulation. Power: 35W. The drop-box in Raalte will close at the end of this year. The stations BNL, CWR, Laguna, Likedeeler, Skyline used the Raalte address. Apart from Laguna and CWR all will change to P.O.Box 73, 7160 AB Neede, the Netherlands taking effect directly.

Sunday Dec. 10th **RADIO CLCG** was heard on 6291 with its "CLCG International" show hosted by Steve Young. This was probably the final one after 17 years! And it could be the end of Radio CLCG too... Address is CLCG, c/o P.O.Box 540101 in D-47151 Duisburg, Germany. Steve intends to continue in 2001 with his own station, Radio Devalon Int.

South American **RADIO COCHIGUAZ** informed us some time ago that their transmitter has been repaired following a 5 month delay. The station is now using a new freq being 11440 kHz USB. In addition the station's main freq of 6950 kHz LSB also will remain in use. Internet: <members.xoom.com/rcochiguaz>.

RADIO CONTINENTAL was heard testing in the early evening hours of Fri Sept. 22nd. Freq was 6908.

RADIO DELTA BRABANT was heard on 6301 Sun Oct. 1st. It seems the VFO-controlled tx was rather instable drifting between 6292 and 6297! As far as we know Delta has no connections whatsoever with other Radio Deltas such as the Ruurlo or Elburg ones. Delta operates from the Belgian-Dutch borderland.

Wednesday Oct. 25th a new Dutch station **RADIO DIAMOND** was heard testing on 6274 & 6277 kHz. Address is P.O.Box 3037, NL-1780 GA Den Helder in the Netherlands.

RADIO Dr. TIM (1) was heard on 6282 Sun Dec. 3rd. Propagation that morning was extremely good and results were great despite only 10W were in use. A call from the US was received informing him that he was received on the other side of the Atlantic!

Sun Oct. 15th **RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND** (3) was heard testing on 6206 with a loud and clear modulation and a good signal. Power was an estimated 120W. Sun Nov. 27th saw another broadcast with "low" power on 6295. Nevertheless a quality signal was radiated proving one doesn't need hundreds of watts to make sure the signal is satisfying. RECH wanted to reach North America and as far as we know they succeeded. By the way: the OP announced to use the big tx but obviously he had problems powering the big one, so he was forced to run on much lower power. Traditionally RECH and sister-station the VOTN will make a joint New Year's Eve 2000 show. Sun Dec. 31st you will hear the boys from Hoogeteven live on 48 (150W) and 41 (800W). Start will be as early as 07.00 UTC. For more information about the transmitters or info, you can look on the homepage < members.nbci.com/echolland >. You can call us on the mobile numbers Gerrit: < 0031651884803 > and Ronald: < 0031625426740 >. Please enclose two US dollars or two IRCs when sending in a snailmail report. Website RECH: < www.listen.to/eastcoastholland >.

RADIO EAST SIDE from Germany was heard on Sun Nov. 12th on 6246 with a 35W tx. Alex Warner, the OP of Radio East side announced a new address: SRS-Deutschland, P.O.Box 11 36, D-06201 Merseburg, Germany. A new Dutch station, **ENTERPRISE RADIO** (3), appeared on 6275 kHz Sun Nov. 12th with low power. Email: < radioenterprise@hotmail.com >.

After a period of silence the Dutch **FARMERS** returned on SW mid August. Eversince the station is regularly airing its message of much talk and Dutch polka music on 51 metres. Most Sundays the station was monitored on 5815 kHz thus having left the 48 mb. Reliable sources claim the station is using a Rohde & Schwarz tx having a capacity of 500W. A similar tx- but in a modified version- was used in the past. Sun Oct. 1st 5809//5917. There were several breaks during the trial due to technical trouble. Oct. 15th saw the Farmers on no less than 3 parallel freqs: 5803, 5814 and 5825. 5815 was the

strongest with 500W. We do believe the station was *not* using 3 txs: 5803 and 5825 were "products" of technical origin, for instance the tx not being properly matched to the aerial. Since November the Farmers are back on 48 metres. Sun Nov. 5th 3919 and 5815 were occupied, a week later Nov. 12th the station was on 3920, 6268 and 6284 (not in parallel) and Sun Dec. 3rd on 3927 & 6284 kHz. Address is P.O.Box 108, NL-7720 AC The Farmers are not using the same location they used earlier this year.

RADIO GALAXY 2000 tested on 6928 Sat Oct. 14th. Email: <galaxy2000@free-radio.de> & <zero-crash@Hushmail.com>.

RADIO GERONIMO was heard on 48 metres 6295 Sunday 22nd October. The station was on air between 10.35 BST until 11.20 BST with a Dave Scott broadcast, the mod was improved and much louder (modifications + new compressor) and the signal in the central part of the UK was 45444. Geronimo was using an inverted "V" dipole antenna. After close down on 48mtrs a switch was made to 31mtrs 9330kHz putting out a Peter V. Show, using the same antenna but shorter of course! Sun (early) evening November 26th Geronimo was testing on 60mtrs/ 4805kHz, using a whip antenna system. That implies that tests on 60 metres have restarted. Possible freqs are 4805, 4765, 4855 kHz. Geronimo is looking for a presenter doing shows for the station. Anybody who likes AOR (rock) is welcome to drop the station a line. Geronimo hopes to be on air Dec. 24th with a X-Mas Show in which letters will be read out. Email: < geronimo@hotmail.com >. Address is 64 Brighton Rd, Leicester LE5 0HA in the UK.

Perhaps solving a mystery? **GROLSCHMAN RADIO, RADIO FLASHBACK & RADIO SPARKS** are three stations operated by one and the same person. Although the station gave out no address during its broadcasts, you may try 9 The Hollies, N11 2EA London, UK as this is the address for the two other stations. Grolschman Radio has been heard during a number of occasions on several 48 mb freqs.

An unknown station is being active on 6285 kHz since early October. Oct. 11th the Czech commercial station **RADIO IMPULS** was relayed on 6285 kHz. Sources claim the tx is located in the northwestern part of the Czech Republic in Poland. Oct. 29th 6285 Radio Impuls.

The **IRRS** in Milan has been suffering from technical problems. After another stroke of lightning late September, IRRS went silent on 7120 & 3985. Both 3985 and 7120 returned on air early October. Further maintenance has been carried out in October. Here is the new schedule from IRRS-Shortwave in Milan which took effect Oct. 29th: 0530-0700 UTC on 3985 kHz (daily)- 0700-0800 UTC on 7120 kHz (daily)- 0800-1600 UTC on 7120 kHz (Sat & Sun 1800-2300 UTC on 3985 kHz (daily)- 2300-0000 UTC on 7120 kHz (Fri, Sat & Sun). The Free Radio Shows to be heard on the IRRS are being organized by Radio 510 International, P.O.Box 510, 4010 Basel, Switzerland.

KING SW from the UK was heard on 6297 Sat/Sun Sept. 23rd/24th. The station didn't mention a mailing address. Signal quality was quite poor. Modulation sounded dull and weak.

RADIO KORAK- Dutch 76 mb powerhouse- is to be heard each Sat evening on 3927 kHz. The station has always been transmitting live but that will change: future trms will be prerecorded on tape. Address remains P.O.Box 134 in 3780 BC Voorthuizen, the Netherlands.

Since September **LASER HOT HITS** is using 7455//6219 kHz. In addition the station can also be heard on 3935 during all week. Also a few Sundays on 9400 with good signals on the continent. Why these trms are cancelled is uncertain, fact is the 31 mb signal was on the continent better than the ones on 41 & 48. LHH has its very own website: < www.hothits.cjb.net >.

A fairly new station is **RADIO LISA** using 26015 kHz/ USB. Due to this extremely high freq the 10W signal can skip long distances and as a result was picked up in Brasil!

LIVE WIRE RADIO was noted on Sat evening Oct. 28th on 6306 with the usual (very) strong signal.

RADIO MARABU announces special pxs for the festive season. The traditional X-Mas party via the Internet starts on X-Mas Eve at 16.00 hours followed by Marabu's All Time Top 100. New Year's Eve pxs commence at 16.00 with Teddy live, 18.00-21.00 Marabu's Top 50 2000 and at 21.00

- 1 = P.O.Box 220342 / D-42373 WUPPERTAL / Germany
- 2 = 14 Stone Row/ COLERAINE/ Co. Londonderry/ BT52 IEP/ Northern Ireland.
- 3= P.O.Box 663, 7900 AR Hoogeteven, the Netherlands.
- 4 = P.O.Box 130/ 92504 RUEIL Cedex/ France.
- 5 = 12 Dorman Rd/ PRESTON/ Lancs PR2 6AS/ England.
- 6 = P.O.Box 5, 8100 AA RAALTE, the Netherlands
- 7 = P.O.Box 386/ 5900 AJ VENLO/ th Netherlands.
- 8 = Box 293/ Merlin/ Ontario N0P 1W0/ Canada.
- 9 = FRI, Postfach 520112, 44207/ DORTMUND/Germany.
- 10= SRS/ Östra Porten 29/ 442 54 YTFERBY/ Sweden.

the "Silvesterparty" (alternative Partyhits from 5 decades). The X-Mas trm with deejays Fischer & Gööbel is on SW. For more info Email at



<info@radiomarabu.de> . Marabu is every Sunday between 16.00-24.00 with live programming on the Internet via Nicesurfradio.

RADIO MI AMIGO was heard Sun Oct. 22nd on 3935/6219/7455. Yes, your guess is right...it was Laser Hot Hits commemorating the former Offshore station.

MIKE RADIO uses this add: P.O.Box 23, 8090 AA Wezep, Netherlands. Email: <mail@mike48.com>. Website: <www.mike48.com>.

During the first weekend of October, the SW bands were ruled by another **LEVEL 48** broadcast. For those who don't know: Level 48 is a collaboration of a number of European SW stations being mainly Dutch and German. A few times a year the station is active from Fri to Sun on a handful of freqs. This time trms started Fri evening on 76 metres 3907 kHz. On Saturday Level 48 was represented all day by Chris Ise & Jens Martin on 6260 kHz. In the evening hours 3907 was again occupied. Sunday Level 48's signal again came from the txs of CWR & BNL. During previous trms far more stations were involved leading to the question why this time only two stations were to be heard. A telephone number was given out during the broadcasts, no address, implying rec. reports could not be sent and no QSL cards were obtainable. Most likely a conscious choice of the Level 48 OPs. Some 30 listeners called Level 48 during the marathon trm. Signal quality on 48 metres was fair during most of the Saturday and Sunday.

RADIO NOVA from the UK was heard Sept. 23rd & 24th all weekend long. A loop tape was aired on 6280 and reception was loud and clear despite the relatively low power being 30W. Sun Nov. 27th Nova was heard in perfect quality on 6280. A good signal and loud modulation. According to station engineer Terry Phillips who used to work on RFL, Nova is intending to start a German Service. Add is 64 Brighton Rd, Leicester LE 0HA, UK.

Sun Sept. 24th saw **RADIO NORTHSEA INT. WS** on 6211 with a RNI-Remember-Show. On Sun Oct. 22nd 6211 was again in use. The station was also active during a number of times on weekdays in the evening hours. Sun Oct. 29th the final RNI Goes DX trm- at least for time being- was aired. Private circumstances underlie the decision to cease. Till 08.15 RNI was on 6207, then a move to 6211 was made after Borderhunter signed off. OP Hannibal has been talking to two Dutch persons to sell the project. A definitive decision cannot be expected before the end of November. Address is P.O.Box 2209, D-77612 Offenburg, Germany.

OZONE RADIO was heard in October on 6200 & 5770. Sun Nov. 5th the station started on 7440 kHz. The station forwarded the following info via the Internet: "You might be interested to know that BBMS via Radio Ozone will now during the winter months be leaving the 48 mb (6.200 kHz) and continuing on the 42 mb, namely 7.445 kHz (as soon as the new crystal has arrived), starting at 07.30 UTC/local time. of course as like any other pirate radio station we would like your feedback and seeing as pens are drying up and paper is obviously being used for something else - I won't say what - and telephones are a thing of the past pirate station wise, why not e-mail us at <bbms4ozone@compuserve.com> with your reception reports, comments, criticisms and what other input you would like to pass our way. Then again if you would like a silly piece of paper to stick on your radio shack wall and a fact sheet, why not write to us our snail mail address is 85 Hillside Road West, Suffolk NR35 1RH England, not forgetting of course some form of return postage." It seems irregular tests will be carried out after 16.30 UTC on 5815. After 12.00 we move to 7.525 normally with the free radio news programme. Close down is normally around 13.30 UTC. Add= 85 Hillside Rd West, Suffolk, NR35 RH in England.

Sun Oct. 15th saw UK station **RADIO PAMELA** successively on 6210 and 6310. 6210 gave a better signal. Pamela is using very low power, some 10W. Address is P.O.Box 35, CH-6027 Romerswil, Switzerland.

RADIO PANDORA (10) was heard with its 5th birthday show on 6255 Sun Dec. 3rd. Signal quality was fine, conditions that day were the best in weeks. The station puts out a mix of quality pop music.

Oct. 17th the **RADIO PLANET** OP Willem died very unexpectedly. He was 47. Planet Radio was an oldies station often to be heard on 6295. After the raid August 28th, Planet Radio became silent for the time being. His activities started on medium wave under the name Radio Horizont. May he rest in peace. And may we wish his family all the strength they need!

RTN RADIO uses the following Email: <RTNRadio2000@aol.com>.

RADIO SCOTLAND tested on 6270 Sun Sept. 24th, Oct. 15th and Oct. 28th. Sat Sept. 16th a test was made on 6276. Former popular Medium wave station from the North East of the Netherlands. P.O.Box 85, NL-9410 AB Beilen used to be the address in the mid 90s and still is.

RADIO SKYLINE was very active in the weekend of Sept. 23rd & 24th. On Sat the 23rd the station was heard on 6240 and 6276 kHz. The following day 6240 and 6267 were used, by the way, both freqs were not in prallel. Signals varied from fair to good. It seems Skyline used only a mere 10W.

SONNET RADIO is a brandnew UK-based station testing on Sun Oct. 29th on 6260 with a fair signal at the best. Later in the evening a better signal was heard on 6280. Tests were carried out with an Inverted 'V' type antenna linked to a 55W tx. Sun Nov. 5th Sonnet Radio was heard on 6950. Sonnet radio on the Internet: <sonnetradio@hotmail.com> & <qsl@sonnetradio.netscapeonline.co.uk>. Web: <www.free-radio.de/sonnetradio>. Address: P.O.Box 53, Bilston, WV14 6YS, Wolverhampton, West Midlands in the UK.

SWRS have a new website at <www.swrs.org>.

RADIO TIMELOD (10) was heard testing on 6199 and 6240 Sat Nov. 4th. Sun the 5th the station was on 6260. No further details available.

RADIO TITANIC INT. (10), Germany's oldest SW Free Radio station, celebrated its 25th (!) birthday with a number of broadcasts. All deejays who once worked for the station were to be heard during the broadcasts. Sat Oct.

28th on 6207, Sun Oct. 29th on 6263, Sat Nov. 4th on 6207, Sun Dec. 3rd on 6291 and Dec. 9th-10th on 6261. The strongest signal was radiated on the 3rd of December on 6291. The Dec. 9th/10th broadcast should have been lasting 24 hours but technical problems prevented RTI to put out the entire programming. As a result a new attempt was made in the weekend of Dec. 16th/17th, again on 6261. During the 4 hour schedule Mark Graison of Radio Marabu, Pirate Andy of PFBS, Simon Hendrix of BRI, Dave Scott and Duncan James of Radio Apollo & Marc Jones of FRSW were to be heard. This 24 hour marathon was not a relay but carried out with own equipment. RTI was also relayed on 11401 via RWI. Good news is that RTI received a lot of response so far. And: the station was heard in the US early December! It's very doubtful whether the station will return in 2001, the OP Mark Brown. Personal circumstances underlie this decision. Quoting mark Brown: "Nevertheless, we aren't neither sunk nor dead but we will retire for the time being and will take a break for an indefinite time. Thanks for your patience with us during the past 25 years. Please always FIGHT FOR FREE RADIO and remember the TITANIC!" By the way: RTI will have some nighttime transmissions on December 24/25/26th on the 48 mb again (+/- 22.00-00.00 UTC!). Check it out! <TitanicRTI@aol.com>.

RADIO TORENVALK is back on SW since a while. The absence of the RTI was a direct result of the new Dutch approach towards illegal FM, medium wave and SW stations. RTI returned late August and ever since the station is regularly to be heard on 48 metres. Sat Sept. 23rd RTI was heard on 6241, 6244, 6246. Power is approx. 120W. Address remains P.O.Box 94 in 7038 ZH Zeddam. Email: <doctordvalve@hotmail.com>.

Sunday Dec. 10th saw a new Dutch station on SW: **TOWER RADIO**. The address P.O.Box 49, 7475 ZG Markelo is the address to write to. The address is mainly known as a common address for medium wave stations. It seemed some 100W were used but more power was "promised" for Sun Dec. 17th: some 1.5 kW! Another Farmers station?? That's not what we are waiting for.... It will affect part of the sometimes overcrowded 48 mb implying other stations won't be able to use a relatively large part of the 48 mb. The station claims to be broadcasting with a Rohde & Schwarz tx, no doubt it's the same type of tx used by the Farmers. It seems the station has ties with the Farmers and Blue Star Radio. We'll await further developments.

Sun October 1st **TRANSATLANTIC RADIO** was heard testing on 6269 following a period of inactivity. Signal was good, modulation was not 100%. 70s pop was played by OP Harry. Sat Dec. 2nd saw TAR on 7120 via the IRRS, Sun Dec. 3rd TAR was on 6201 kHz. Address is P.O.Box 4427, NL-3006 AK Rotterdam: in the Netherlands.

UNION R/R. ASTORIA (3) were on air with a joint trm on 6305 Sat Oct. 7th. Union was again heard on the 15th on 6210 and that same evening just after 16.00 UTC on 5860 kHz. Excellent signal, almost same quality as Farmers. During a number of Sundays Union Radio was active on various 48 mb frequencies.

RADIO WAVES INT. from France celebrated its 20th birthday in November. The station put out a handful of trms and was to be heard each Nov. weekend under the special name WCS2000 (World Communication Service). Main frequency was 11401 kHz. See their webpages for more details <<http://go.to/rwi>>. Address is (4).

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (2) was monitored Sun Oct. 1st & 15th on 7460 kHz. Sat evening Oct. 28th WMR was on 7485 kHz, Nov. 5th 6400 and Nov. 12th 7460.

Sun Oct. 1st Swedish **WRCR** (10) was heard via Radio Pandora on 6280. WRCR origins from the Stockholm area in Sweden and is also active on FM. It seems WRCR is the successor of Radio Camouflage. Email: <john.sandy@usa.net>.

SCANDINAVIAN WEEKEND RADIO can be heard every first Sat of the month. During their Nov. 4th transmission, SWR conducted a special test for their transatlantic audience in North America as well listeners in Far East in Asia. Between 23.00 UTC Fridays- 05.00 UTC Saturdays they turned the half wave dipole antenna toward 290 degrees. SWR uses 11720 all day, so SWR is on the air on that frequency from Friday 23 UTC till Saturday 23 UTC. Their main antenna direction is 290 degrees between 23 and 05 UTC, 200 degrees 05-20 UTC and 230 degrees 20-23 UTC. Reception reports are most welcome. You can send it via their website <www.swradio.net>, by Email <raportit@swradio.net> or via traditional mail: SWR/Reports, P.O. Box 35, 40321 JYV-SKYL, FINLAND. Please note: SWR cannot verify reports without return postage of 2 USD or IRC (correctly stamped.) Reports via Email or our website can be verified in our website (as you might already know). You can also call the station: < +358 400 995 559 >. Let's meet on 25 metres!

MISCELLANEOUS: *** Hans-Joachim Koch, well-known DXer, has a new Email address: <KHajo2000@aol.com> *** Andrew Yoder is currently writing the 3rd edition of the "Pirate Radio Stations" book for McGraw-Hill. As in the past, the book will look at shortwave pirate radio from a North American perspective, but there will still be some information on European pirates, and I'm hoping to include some QSLs, photos, etc. from Euros. Things are looking good for a 2001 Pirate Radio Directory (covering 2000). The cost will be about \$10-\$15 US, more info via: Andrew Yoder, POB 642, Mont Alto, PA 17237, <info@hobbybroadcasting.com>. <www.hobbybroadcasting.com> *** The SRS-Germany radio pages can be found at (startpage) <www.listen.to/srs-germany>, QSL Information Pages QIP <www.listen.to/qip>, Clandestine Radio Watch CRW <www.listen.to/crw>, Address List PWDB <www.listen.to/pwdb>. And do not forget <www.ClandestineRadio.com> *** The number of stations sharing the **P.O.BOX 663 IN 7900 AR HOOGVEEN**, the Netherlands has increased from 4 to 7 stations: apart



from RECH, RAL, VOTN & Union Radio three stations joined, namely **Radio Chaos, Radio Enterprise & Radio Astoria** *** Perhaps a relief for a number of station using the **WUPPERTAL-MAILBOX**: mid September the OP forwarded all back mail to the stations. An overview can be found at < www.dropbox.de >. Several stations received a large pile of old reports.

OFFSHORE NEWS

Radio Caroline

Since October Radio Caroline can be heard five days a week. Only on Wednesday & Thursday Caroline is off air. On Sundays in the later afternoon the National Recall Chart Show is being aired via the caroline transponder, for that reason Mark Stafford had to leave the 18.00-22.00 slot moving to 14.00-18.00 CET.

Johnny Lewis is currently involved with Thanet Local Radio & Breeze in Southend. For that reason he's unable to do any shows for Caroline during the weekends. Since December 4th he's also doing the Breakfastshow on 20/20 FM, a station broadcasting from Maidstone. Provided Peter Moore will succeed including the Thursday evening within Caroline's programming, Johnny Lewis could return on a regular basis on the satellite. And that would be good news for the many Johnny Lewis supporters.

Caroline via the Internet

Via the Internet Caroline can be heard 24 hours a day. Pxs on the Internet consist of a mixture of non-stop and presented shows by David Foster, Rob Ashard, Andy Brooks, and Johnny Reece (Album Zone). X-Mas Day and Boxing Day a Christmas Top 250 will be aired. Rob Lowe kicks off with #250 and at 07.00 Dec. 25th and Tony Christian will play #1 (John Lennon's Imagine) the following day around 19.00 hours. Every hour 10 tracks plus some X-Mas rock music. Other presenters include Andy Brooks, Sietse Brouwer & Dave Foster. Just surf to < www.radio-caroline.nl >.

The complete list: < 213.207.11.40/caroline/html/top250.html >. Apart from the Dutch website there's a German one under control of Martin vd Ven: < www.offshore-radio.de/caroline >. For the English website surf to < www.radiocaroline.co.uk >. Miscellaneous info: Radio Caroline studio: 0044-1622684400. The new Faxnumber: 0044-1622684485. And the address: Radio Caroline, 426 Archway Road, Highgate, London N6 4JH, UK.

Caroline RSL

Oct. 1st at midnight saw the start of a Radio Caroline RSL coming from the LV #18, anchored in Harwich harbour. Frequency was 1503 AM. The ship was twice used for R.N.I. RSLs but was in a very poor condition. However, hard work saved the ship and turned it into a good-looking, clean ship with many new vital facilities including facilities such as central heating, showers and hot water. On the red ship also a brandnew aerial tower. Unfortunately only one current Caroline employee, Barry James, was hosting pxs. A bit strange...the real Caroline is on satellite 5 days a week while another Caroline- with only one current Caroline jock in its presenting team- is involved with an RSL from a ship formerly used for two R.N.I. RSLs. The following persons were heard during the Caroline RSL: Colin Lamb, Barry James, Rega Steve, Simon Clark, Paul Dennis, Steve Cisco, Diamond Dave Kent, Phil Mitchell, Clive Boutell, Paul McLaren (among others). Reports are being received from all parts of the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and even Scandinavia. The musical format: during day time a mix of oldies and new music, during the evenings rock music and during nighttime albumtracks.

Mi Amigo Revival

Sat/Sun Sept. 30th/ Oct. 1st saw a two day return of Radio Mi Amigo. The former offshore radio station was revived by means of Flenish FM station Radio Magdalena. During these two days several former Mi Amigo deejays presented live pxs, in fact they did the same shows as they used to do in the 70s on the offshore station. Listeners could hear the voices of Dick Verheul, Frank van der Mast, Johan Visser, Marc Jacobs, Peter van Dam, Bart van Leeuwen, Stan Haag, Ferry Eden, Nobert en Ton Schipper.

Broadcasts from the high seas

Wednesday August 30th/Thursday August 31st former Veronica studio engineer Ad Bouman and his business associate Michael Bakker organised a two day broadcasting event from the North Sea. One year ago the same two persons organised a fantastic and highly successful Veronica revival from Hotel Lapershoek in Hilversum (see FRS Newsletter #23). Nowadays Bouman & Bakker are involved with Okay FM, a station which is active for Gooiland. A number of FM stations based in IJmuiden, Breda en Den Bosch relay part of Okay FM's programme output (with a number of former Veronica offshore presenters). Using the slogan "Muziek uit Zee" 32 hours of live programming was broadcasted by several offshore jocks from the 70s and 80s from stations such as Radio Mi Amigo, Radio Monique, Radio 227 and Radio Caroline. Names? Bert Bennet, Peter van dam, Joop Verhoof, Erik Beekman, Dick Verheul, Johan Visser, Ted Bouwens, Jan Veldkamp, Frits Koning, Ron West, Eddie Becker, Walter Simons & Look Boden. Listeners had the chance to visit the broadcasting vessel Willem Beukels with a tender. More than three hundred listeners visited the ship during these two days. The programmes had been broadcasted via the transmitters of Okay FM and several local Dutch radio stations. Moreover 12.000 people listened via the internet. Who said offshore radio doesn't attract anymore???? < www.nicotinejunk.com/zeezenderdagen_2000.html >.

Now available from FRS Sales Productions: three C-90s containing FM quality recordings from August 30th. Live pxs from the Northsea commemorating the Offshore stations. Several names from the 70s/80s are to be heard. Great Radio and great music in an absolute perfect audio quality. DM 27.50/ £ 7.99/ US\$11.00.

Annual Radio Day

The annual Radio Day organised by Freewave Media Magazine/RadioVisie and the Foundation for Media Communication will be held on Saturday March 3rd 2001 at the Koningsroom, near Artis Zoo, Plantage Middenlaan 41-43 Amsterdam. Some people from the rich history of radio will be attending the event. Also several historic videos will be shown and the new book from Hans Knot will be on sale for the first time. Detailed information on the book will be following early next year. Entrance fee at the Radio Day is 15 guilders or 4 Pounds. For more information you can Email < H.Knot@ppsw.rug.nl > or phone him after 20.00 hrs at Holland < (0)50 5714974 > or phone with Rob Olthof in Amsterdam at < (0)20 6621141 > also after 20.00 hrs. One of the guests will possibly be Fred Bolland, known from Radio Caroline and Radio Monique. The event starts at 11.00 and doors are open as from 10.00 onwards.

Former Offshore Jocks

❖ **Peter Holland Online:** Peter Holland has launched his very own website. Peter started his radiocareer in 1971 on offshore station Radio Northsea Int. In 1975 he moved to VARA Radio (Hilversum 3) and via Power FM & Veronica he ended on Radio 10. Every weekday he can be heard between 13.00-16.00 hours on FM and ofcourse AM 675 kHz. 'Peter Holland Online' contains jingles and extracts from the past. It's a very good-looking site worth a visit! < www.peterhollandonline.com/ >.

❖ **Ad Roberts: from Radio Mi Amigo till....** Just like Peter Holland, Ad Roberts started his radiocareer on the Northsea. Several interesting stories are to be read on his website along with a number of unique photos. His first steps aboard the Mi Amigo, the start of the Dutch Radio Caroline service in 1979, the sinking of the Mi Amigo, the start of Radio Monique. < home.wanadoo.nl/robertgo/offshore/sea_index.htm >.

❖ **Former Big L deejay Dave Cash** has left London based Liberty Radio continuing his career on BBC Radio Kent. Since Nov. 4th he's presenting a weekend show aimed at a 40-55 year audience. His new shows are called 'Music of your life' & 'The best album tracks'.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

International News in Brief

CRTC-the Canadian Radio and Telecommunication Commission- has announced no frequencies are available anymore for Toronto and surrounding areas. Future applicants will be turned down as the complete AM & FM band are occupied... *** Ford invests in digital radio. Car manufacturer Ford becomes shareholder in the MXR Radio Consortium. The US manufacturer wants to promote digital radio. Starting in 2004 digital carradios will be installed in new Ford cars *** The worlds largest SW relay service and supplier of International radio programmes, **World Radio Network (WRN)**, has decided to hive off its complete package of analogue transponders in 2005 fully concentrating on digital broadcasts. In the mean time WRN has signed a contract with GlobeCast. World Radio Network started its activities in 1993 and is currently running 6 networks which are to be received via satellite and in addition also via cable networks, FM & AM *** The famous and former Dutch FM pirate Hofstad Radio is celebrating its 20th birthday this year. Hofstad- based in De Hague- was a very professional commercial FM pirate making use of 1 kW FM rigs. More than once Hofstad was raided by Dutch authorities. < hofstad.nl.com > *** If we may believe the latest rumours, Radio Luxembourg's return on the airwaves is still a serious option... The return was already announced two years ago but so far nothing happened. recently CLT-UFA, the parent company, confirmed that work is going on behind the scenes. No date is mentioned, not to wonder keeping in mind the developments of the past two years. The Feb 208: < <http://welcome.to/208> >.

Radio News

The famous German publication **RADIO NEWS**, irregularly published by the FRC Germany since the 1970s, released their final Millenium Edition. The magazine started in 1971 and was for almost 3 decades a leading publication emphasizing on Offshore Radio. The outstanding black & white photos- mostly taken by Theo Dencker and later also by others- made the magazine very attractive. No doubt the content of Radio News was also of high quality. The final edition is printed on 64 glossy DIN A5 pages in an excellent quality containing the real story behind Offshore 98, the Norderney Story, news from the offshore scene in Israel, Radio Caroline, Communicator and of course a great number of pinsharp photos. A copy can be obtained by



sending DM10 to FRCG c/o Leonhardt Electronic & Medien, P.O.Box 1947, D-77609 Offenburg, Germany. Email: <LeoMedien@aol.com>.

Come back of Wonderful Radio London?

Plans to bring back WRL from the European continent are progressing as a number of backers formerly involved with the return of Radio Luxembourg (Lucky 208) are standing surety. Even the names of Tom Danahan and Don Pierson are mentioned as being involved. They were already involved with the original Big L in the 1960s. According to some persons power could be 150 kW. With much less power a Radio London RSL will take place in December. This one is coming from London.

Chris Carey free man in March 2001

Chris Carey, former Radio Northsea International en Radio Caroline deejay and founder of the legendary Dublin based Radio Nova, also known as Spangles Muldoon, could possibly be released from Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight by the end of March 2001. Chris serves his time after selling illegal BskyB 'smart cards', enabling people to watch all Sky TV-channels on the Astra satellite for free. In the mean time he survived a heavy heart attack last August, he's still recovering. Email: <sybil@chriscarey.com>.

US SW Radio: From Hate to Peace Radio

In the US Short wave radio is more and more becoming a "wrong" broadcasting band on which much can be heard being forbidden in Europe. Just take a look at the weird religious pxs from Brother Stair (Do you want to go to Heaven? Than send me \$ 100. If you don't, you won't go to Heaven...) but moreover the Neo-Nazi's having discovered the SW bands as an ideal medium to spread their messages. Renting airtime is relatively cheap (for instance via WBCQ, the station owned by Alan Weiner who once was the keyfigure behind Radio New York International). The US rules for SW broadcasts aren't as strict as they are in Europe. US legislation for FM and AM is much stricter. Apart from that: the First Amendment in the US constitution allows one to shout on the radio that - just to give an example - the holocaust from Adolf Hitler wasn't such a bad idea... One of the 'Hate Radio' organisations is the National Alliance. This organisation is prominently represented on the US SW bands. In all Western European countries except Denmark, there are laws freeing the airwaves from such organisations and "opinions". Don't think Americans are massively tuning in to such stations. But it remains a fact the US Neo-Nazis have found a suitable and cheap medium to spread their word, receivable via cheap transistor radio's in North America. Luckily there are "social" radio stations as well. Radio for Peace International is based on Costa Rica broadcasting its English and Spanish messages to the rest of the world. The station is backed by a foundation. Much of its presenters are volunteers. Studios and tx site are to be found at the Peace University, an educational institute founded by the United Nations. Radio For Peace International mainly covers subjects such as third world, environmental & racial issues. Since Sept. 20th RFPI has reactivated its 30 kW strong tx making reception in Europe quite satisfactory in the early morning hours. Check out 6970 kHz. WBCQ: <www.wbcq.com>, National Alliance: <www.natvan.com>, Radio For Peace International: <www.rfpi.org>.

Receiver Shopping List

If you want technical details from the current generation of SW receivers, the Receiver Shopping List is the ideal source of information. Check the RNW website: <www.rnw.nl>. The RSL team is constantly updating and revising this on-line edition of Radio Netherlands' guide to radio receivers. The majority are designed for shortwave reception. But: they are starting to add sets that include other delivery systems such as Worldspace. Also reviewed are receivers such as Kerbango and Audioramp which offer stand-alone access to Internet streaming audio, without the need for a separate computer. Recently added receivers: Grundig Satellit 800 Millennium, Radio Shack DX-396 and the Sanyo DSB-WS1000 WorldSpace Receiver.

New Satellite Radio station??

Tom Anderson, Rob Harrison, Grant Benson have plans to start trms under the name Radio Caroline South. The three have two things in common: they all are former Caroline deejays and they all live near the South French village Antibes. Their main aim is to start up satellite trms under the name Caroline South. South is a geographical reference. ...

MusicMann 279

So far several problems prevented a start of MiscMann 279, the commercial long wave venture on the Isle of Mann. Oct. 23rd UK-based the Radio magazine reported that the *Crossed Field antenna* is to be tested in the UK sometime in November or December. These tests are designed to demonstrate the advantages of the system. The Crossed Field antenna is the subject of controversy in the broadcasting industry. The design allows a much shorter antenna to be used than is traditionally the norm, but not all technical experts are convinced that it is a viable solution. The Isle of Mann International Broadcasting Company who is planning to use the Crossed Field antenna and on its website you can find more details about this extraordinary antenna. The long wave tests will be radiated from a location in Shropshire, UK. Two possible frequencies will be used. More information on the following website: <www.longwaveradio.com/engineering.html>.

Virgin Radio

The VirginRadio 20 is the name of a new chart being broadcasted on Virgin Radio. The list is *not* based on sales figures but on the personal taste of the listening audience. Every Saturday afternoon at 17.30 British time the new show is aired. A weekly choice can be made. The list is also to be read on Virgin's internet site.

Atlantic 252 with new Website

Longwave broadcaster Atlantic 252, which beams a format of dance music into the UK from Ireland, has finally launched its new Web site. Aimed specifically at its young audience (15-24 age group), the site is graphics-intensive and uses Flash Technology. The station describes it as a "non-conformist fun site, the most innovative of any radio station on-line". No less than 1 million pound was spent to finance the new homepages. Atlantic 252 is becoming increasingly popular, regaining some of its original popularity after being less successful in the past few years. <www.atlantic252.com/>.

RADIOFAX/ INDEPENDENT SW RADIO

After a 16 year battle, the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the United Kingdom government cannot be compelled to allow independent stations on shortwave because it did permit independent operators on the mediumwave and FM bands. Under human rights law, the government can continue with its restrictive policy of refusing to allow independent stations on shortwave, but this now raises the separate question of whether the shortwave monopoly is legal under European Union competition law. In 1984, Trevor Brook devised the concept of an independent science, technology and media news shortwave radio station, Radiofax. He made his first written application to the government for a licence in August 1986, made submissions to Green and White Papers on Broadcasting in 1987 and 1989, and received support from Members of Parliament and the Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Lord Thomson of Monifieth. The government, however, persistently claimed there was a lack of spare capacity on the 993 short wave channels and refused to issue any such licence. This led him, in August 1997, to take the issue to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The following news reached us November 21st:

Short Wave monopoly complaint to the office of fair trading

The Office of Fair Trading has been asked to investigate a complaint against Merlin Communications International Limited that holds the sole UK licence for short wave. It broadcasts BBC World Service and transmits programmes for overseas state radios, as well as for a variety of private organisations and for itself. The complaint, issued by Trevor Brook who devised the concept of Radiofax, an independent science, technology and media short wave station, cites Merlin's monopoly of short wave broadcasting as a possible contravention of the 1973 Fair Trading Act since the government will not grant a short wave licence to anybody else. BBC World Service transmission was privatised as Merlin Communications on 1st April 1997. The various transmitting facilities were not split, nor were potential new operators invited. In contrast, BBC domestic transmission, privatised at the same time, became Castle Communications and was not granted a monopoly since it shares the market with NTL. Merlin broadcasts independent stations on short wave from British soil. Trevor Brook says: *I have written to the Director General of Fair Trading, John Vickers, to request that he use his powers to look into this apparent monopoly. Stories about lack of frequencies on short wave are no truer than identical claims about medium wave and FM in the days before several hundred independent transmitters took to the air. The dishonest government policy, concocted by civil servants, may now end up damaging innocent operators in this field.* Contact: Trevor Brook Tel: 01483 275 997, Mobile: 07950 549 075, Fax: 01483 276 477. s.e@ndirect.co.uk Surrey Electronics Ltd., The Forge, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 7BG, England.

INTERNET RADIO

In this column we feature a great variety of Internet websites related to radio plus interesting Internet radio news. Contributions are more than welcome....

☺ Webradio is entering a new dimension. Listening to webradio doesn't require the usual extra software, so-called plug-ins such as RealAudio or Winamp. A German invention is called "Das Webradio" making use of a new streaming technology. The big advantage is that when opening a website, the station is automatically switched on. After a few seconds you can listen to your favourite radio station. The new technique performs well with all existing systems such as Windows, Mac, Linux. Check the following website for more info: <www.daswebradio.de/>.

☺ A site with links to all British ILR-stations: <www.users.zetnet.co.uk/james-muir/links_nf.html>.

☺ An indepent alternative German rock radio active via Internet: <www.bizarre-radio.de>.

☺ He will be in prison at least for the upcoming 12 months, former Caroline jock and Nova boss Spangles Muldoon alias Chris Cary. A friend designed a site dedicated to Chris: <www.chriscary.com>.

☺ Photos from the Communicator in the Pampus harbour in Almere: <home.wxs.nl/~dijk0690/Laser1.htm>.

☺ A site about a person who was aboard the MV MI Amigo for a number of periods between 1978 - 1980:



< members.netscapeonline.co.uk/garyslaptop/radio3.htm >.

★ A great site with lots of interesting items: < www.pirateradio.about.com >.

★ Nice photos from the Mebo vessels:

★ < cyber.nl/fortunecity.com/bit/98/rni/album/htm >.

★ On this site attention is paid to Veronica's old programming:

★ < <http://www.xs4all.nl/~wimvdw/192.html> >.

★ < www.abcnwews.go.com/sections/tech/MP/000606/gizbert_video_mp.html brings you a video about Sealand.

★ All kind of offshore pxxs to be heard via < www.madasfish.com >.

★ One of the better jingle sites is < www.jinglezone.de > The site has been completely renewed and features news, stories, information and valuable links to numerous jingle sites from professionals such as Jam Creative, Thompson, Top Format Productions, KenR and all those others. Keyfigure behind this site is Thomas Wollert, a jingle enthusiast in heart and soul. Jinglezone took over another big German jingle site, namely < www.jingles-online.de > from ex-"Jingles Online Deutschland"- and Ex-"Mediasites"-maker Kai Justinsky from Berlin. For the German speaking radio freaks the Jinglezone now is the most professional and informative jingle site.

★ If you are interested in Offshore Radio, you can subscribe to an egroup devoted to this subject. < www.egroups.nl/group/zeezenders/ >.

★ An overview of radio stations on the Internet: < www.webradios.net >.

★ Each Sunday morning between 09.00- 10.00 UTC you can hear nostalgic sounds on the Internet from exactly 35 years ago. Radio Twente Internet- the station putting out the show- plays rather obscure material also to be heard on Radio London in the mid 60s. In addition the px contains info about artists and offshore stations in that period. You need the Windows Media Player 7. < www.radiotwente.nl >.

★ A number of former Offshore jocks can be found on the BBC Radio 2 webpages: < www.bbc.co.uk/radio2 >.

★ Interested in antennas?? < www.funktuerm.de/ >.

★ Two sites with Radio Caroline and Laser 558 photos from the 80s:

< www3.mistral.co.uk/mbi/caroline.htm > and

< personal.computrain.nl/cylard/index.htm >.

★ A very interesting site covering the past and present of the Los Angeles radio industry: < www.laradio.com >.

★ The site of Norman Barrington: < www.normanb.net >.

★ In 1965 was the popularity of BOSS Radio spreading over the US. Swinging Radio England introduced this format in Europe. The history of Boss Radio can be found via < www.drakechenault.com/ >.

★ Chris Edwards has opened a site with site met offshore tunes making regular updates: < www.offshorethemes.co.uk >.

MADE in HOLLAND

SEPTEMBER

Some news about internet and radio. During the last years, the "average Dutchman" has listened more and more to the radio. He (or she) listens 3 hours a day at the moment. Four years ago, this was three and a half-hour. One of the reasons for this increase has been the use of internet: a lot of people listen to radio while surfing the net.

August 31st at 18.00 o'clock the mediumwave station 1584 AM The Bells (what a name...) changed its name into Radio Paradijs. Initially the name of the station would become Radio Caroline, but there was disagreement with the English Caroline organisation about the use of the name.

Radio Paradijs has been a very short-lived offshore radio station in 1981. After two days of test transmissions the station was boarded by the authorities and towed into the Amsterdam harbour. After several years, the Paradijs organisation won the lawsuit against the Dutch Government. The owners got a financial compensation, but the amount of money they got is still unknown. The authorities were even obliged to put the ship in its original state on its original anchorage. However, because the ship has been laying in the harbour nearly unattended for several years this was not possible anymore. It's not clear why the organisation behind 1584 AM has named the station Radio Paradijs. Perhaps the existence of professional made jingles has been one reason...

Slam FM!, the former New Dance Radio, suffered a great loss when one of its owners, Miles Stutterheim, crashed with his car and died. Together with his brother he runned the cable radio station, broadcasting a dance format. September 2001 an auction will be held by the Dutch government to sell the commercial FM frequencies to the highest bidders. The Dutch commercial radio stations are considering a lawsuit to prevent foreign stations to get hold of these frequencies. Their investments during the past years to make commercial radio a success would be thrown away when other stations would get the frequencies.

Are you still dreaming of a career as a deejay? Now Radio 538 gives everybody the opportunity to demonstrate the whole wide world his abilities. Special software (available on CD Rom) and a website create the possibility to make your own radioshow. On the website < www.538webstation.com > more information can be found, together with fillers, tracks, programme information, commercial and sound effects. Programme finished an satisfies with the result? Then you can upload the programme to the website to let the world enjoy your creativeness.

OCTOBER

Veronica, the station which introduced the record chart in Holland, has deleted the 'Veronica Top 100 Countdown'. According to a spokeswoman

such a programme is out of time. The list is still spread via Veronica's website and via teletext.

Radio Paradijs, the commercial station broadcasting on 1584 kHz from¹ Utrecht intruduces live programming from October 16th onwards. Initially the station intended to operate under the name Radio Caroline. However, they didn't get permission from the UK organisation. Therefore, a new name was adopted: '1584 AM The Bells'. However, this name caused a lot of confusion. August 31st the station was renamed 'Radio Paradijs'.

The daytime programming (weekdays) includes 07.00 - 09.00 'Wekkerradio' (Wim van Egmond), 09.00 - 10.00 'Non Stop Jammin' Oldies', 10.00 - 12.00 'Coffee and Music' (Leon Dorsey), 12.00 - 16.00 'Siësta', non stop jammin' oldies and 16.00 - 18.00 'Going Home' (Ruud Poeze)

Next year a public auction will be held in order to distribute terrestrial frequencies among commercial radio stations. The government is considering to postpone this auction, because of lack of time to make proper preparations. Several (local and regional) stations will get to court, in case the auction won't take place at the scheduled moment. It would be the third time in succession that the auction would be delayed. The stations fear to suffer great losses if they cannot have access to the airwaves.

At the contrary, national commercial stations like Sky, Radio 538 and Veronica FM are hoping the auction will be delayed or even cancelled, because they fear to lose their current frequencies.

NOVEMBER

In this section we often have mentioned the pop station Radio 3FM. Another public music station, Radio 2, is very popular. That's merely because of its more "middle of the road" format. The station attracts a elder audience. Compared with Radio 3FM. One of the most popular programs on the station is "Maat in de middag", presented by Ferry Maat. He started his radio career with the offshore station Radio Noordzee. After the closure of the station he worked for Radio 3FM and Radio 10 Gold, before joining Radio 2. Now he's got a big dispute with his musical director Jaap de Groot. Their viewpoints about the program are clashing in such a way, that Ferry has urged his bosses that either Jaap or Ferry himself has to leave. A lot of listeners are responding to this news and hope Ferry will stay on the station, to present his mix of rather well selected songs. Nevertheless it looks like Ferry Maat will be leaving the station on December 31st.

Clear Channel Communications is the world's targets radio company, owning some 1,000 radio stations. This enterprise has bought the Dutch station Q The Beat, broadcasting from the MV Communicator near the Dutch town of Almere. The station is suffering severe financial losses. Nevertheless CCC wanted to acquire the station to become participant of the frequency auction next Autumn. Its aim is to become the largest radio company in Holland.

Delta Radio will become 171 THE LOUNGE... The long wave station Radio Delta, planning to start broadcastin January 1st 2002 has adopted a new name. The station now is called "171 The Lounge". It's still intended to build huge masts off the Dutch-Belgian coast in order to serve the British isles. 171 The Lounge will be aiming at the British Radio 2 audience. It's target group counts some 40 million listeners.

The medium wave station Radio Paradijs has gone... November 29th the signal on 1584 kHz wasn't heard anymore. The very short story of the station has ended. Unclear is the reason of this close down. Most probably: money, money, money...

DECEMBER

Arrow Classic Rock will be airing an Arrow Top 500 between Dec. 20th and the 24th, every day between 10.00-18.00 hours. The station is on 828 kHz with 25 kW and of course on FM on Dutch cable networks. Check the Arrow site: < www.arrow.nl >. One of the presenters is former Veronica & R.N.I. deejay Joost den Draaier who is owning the station.

Radio 10 has a brandnew site: < www.radio10.fm >.

During the August 30th/31st Offshore Revival from a ship-based station in IJmuiden, Okay FM (the station organizing the project) was for the first time w old wide on the Internet. The success made the people behind the station decide to introduce non-stop 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Internet radio. With your Real Audio player you can receive the station via < www.okayfm.nl >. A number of former Veronica Offshore jocks work for Okay FM. More Okay FM news: the station covering Het Gooi, a region covering Hilversum and Bussum, intends to change its name into...Radio 192. Offshore freaks will remember 192 being the Veronica wavelength between 1960 and 1972. For thousands of listeners the jingle "Veronica 192, een goed idee" sounds very familiar. Why a name change? The reason is that Okay will commence AM trms as well on 1584 kHz (=192 metres!) from Utrecht using the Radio Paradise site. Ad Bouman and Michael bakker, the persons behind Okay FM, are planning to turn the station into a 24 hour oldies station. Salient detail: some former Veronica jocks now working for Okay FM started their careers on 192 metres in the 60s. Now they will return on 192. History repeats itself!!

FRS-HOLLAND will ring out the year 2000 at the end of December. We will be on 48 metres either on the 24th or 31st. You know what to do....tune in to quality pop music from the past 4 decades as well as 45 min. DX-Info.

Txs to: Hans Knot, RNW, RadioVisie, SRS-News, Werner Schauermaann, HJ Koch.